



EXERCISE EAGER LION '15

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Eager Lion is an important international forces exercise. Now in its fifth year, the exercise has become an important engagement among U.S., Jordan and international military partners to facilitate responses to conventional and unconventional threats.

Dates: Eager Lion runs May 5-19, 2015, during which time command post and field training exercises will be held. During late April and early May there is an academics phase during which participants familiarize themselves with operational planning processes and policies in a classroom setting.

Location: Eager Lion events are taking place in Jordan.

Participants: About 10,000 military personnel are supporting this year's exercise. In addition to being hosted by Jordan, other participating nations include: Australia, Bahrain, Belgium, Canada, Egypt, France, Iraq, Italy, Kuwait, Lebanon, Pakistan, Poland, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and United States. Additionally, NATO's Allied Rapid Reaction Corps is scheduled to participate. About 5,000 U.S. personnel are supporting Eager Lion, representing CENTCOM headquarters and its air, land, maritime and special operations components.

Focus: Military engagements build trust, strengthen partnerships and enhance capabilities. Broadly speaking, military-to-military engagements, such as exercises, demonstrate the value of working in unfamiliar environments and organizational interoperability. Working together in an exercise setting helps partners integrate systems, develop common processes, explore command and control issues and strengthen personal relationships and trust.

Participation demonstrates a commitment and shared interest in regional security. This year's Eager Lion scenarios range from border security operations and command and control to cyber defense and battlespace management. While participating nations have varying reasons for supporting Eager Lion, there is a common bond: we have a shared interest in regional security. Eager Lion is an excellent opportunity to improve our ability to partner with international forces at the operational level and identify best practices in response to conventional and unconventional threats.

Other details: Eager Lion was last held in Jordan in May-June 2014.